

## Hamartias

The goal of this web-quest is to show how hamartias take part in Romeo and Juliet, but also takes it a step further and show hamartias in other Shakespearean texts, in modern day movies, and much more. Also we show what those hamartias do to affect the plot of the story, and overall educate you about hamartias in general.

Hamartias have to do with Romeo and Juliet, because there is a hamartia in Romeo and Juliet. We chose to inform you on hamartias because the hamartia in Romeo and Juliet deeply affects the plot, and the whole story hints at this hamartia and the hamartia plays a big part in the climax of the story. Plus Shakespeare used this literary tool to help form his tragedies' plots. I believe Shakespeare himself played a big role in defying what exactly a hamartia is, through his many literary works utilizing it.

- 1) What is a hamartia?

<http://wordnetweb.princeton.edu/perl/webwn?s=hamartia>

- 2) What are some examples of Shakespearean pieces of literature with hamartias?

<http://www.amazon.com/Macbeth-William-Shakespeare/dp/0671722751>

[http://www.amazon.com/Othello-Folger-Shakespeare-Library-William/dp/0743482824/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1301503485&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Othello-Folger-Shakespeare-Library-William/dp/0743482824/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1301503485&sr=1-1)

- 3) What were those hamartias?

<http://www.enotes.com/macbeth/q-and-a/what-three-personality-traits-that-macbeth-84781>

<http://www.field-of-themes.com/shakespeare/essays/Eothello3.htm>

4) What is Romeo's hamartia?

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20080316114736AA8n7u4>

5) What is Juliet's hamartia?

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20080316114736AA8n7u4>

6) How do those hamartias affect the plot?

<http://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/romeojuliet/summary.html>

7) Have there been real life hamartias?

<http://www.borderlinegreen.com/2010/08/11/the-hamartia-of-our-lives/>

8) Where did hamartias originate from?

[http://larryavisbrown.homestead.com/Aristotle\\_Tragedy.html](http://larryavisbrown.homestead.com/Aristotle_Tragedy.html)

9. What are some modern day examples of movies containing a hamartia?

<http://www.starwars.com>

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0133093/>

10. What are the hamartias in those movies?

Anakin Skywalker – anger angst (Star Wars)

Neo – selfish (Matrix)

11. What is an example of a hamartia that is good for the plot and other characters in literature?

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0421206/>

12. Can hamartias happen to people besides the main character?

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/hamartia>

13. Can hamartias be used in poetics?

<http://www.english.hawaii.edu/criticalink/aristotle/terms/hamartia.html>

14. What are some examples of movies without hamartias?

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0114709/>

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0104868/>

15. What are some examples of books without hamartias?

<http://www.amazon.com/Harry-Potter-Deathly-Hallows-Book/dp/0545010225>

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0240772/>

16. What is a comedy with a hamartia?

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0398165/>

